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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC, Im writing today to strongly urge you to consider The cost to consumers when the Internet market is controlled by fewer and fewer companies. Is very important to me that I have more options of internet providers and that those options offer competitive rates. I work in special education and it is a shame how many of my students families cannot afford high speed internet access at the current rates and do not have fiber network available to them. Some of those my students families pay \$90-100 per month just to get a very slow speed high speed access.

I know disabled adults who cannot afford this on their incomes which creates an even greater divide when it comes to accessing information and providing them with the same opportunities as everyone else.

Please support making the internet better and more affordable so that it is more accessible to all consumers by allowing companies like Sonic access to the critical last-mile copper and inter-city fiber they need to continue to build their network.

Please do not allow AT&T and US Telecom the FCC to take away access to these critical elements necessary to accomplish this task.

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